

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claim 5 has been amended into independent form by including the subject matter of Claim 1. Claim 1 has been cancelled. Each of Claims 2-4 have been amended to depend on Claim 5. Finally, Claims 7-11 have been cancelled.

No new matter has been added by the above amendment. Claims 2-6 are now pending in the application.

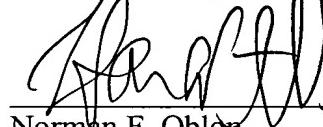
REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated in parent Application Serial No. 10/089,109 that Claims 5 and 6 are allowable. Accordingly, absent any further grounds of rejection, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

The application is otherwise ripe for examination on the merits. An early examination is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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